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The second (or subsequent) supplemental reply filed on 10/14/03 was not entered because entry of the reply would unduly interfere with the preparation of the Office action mailed 10/22/03. See 37 CFR 1.111(a)(2). The examiner spent a significant amount of time on the preparation of an Office action before the reply was received. On the date of receipt of the reply, the examiner had completed the drafting of the Office action and was waiting for the supervisory patent examiner's approval.

Furthermore, entry of the reply would require significant additional time in the preparation of the Office action. Specifically, entry of the reply would require the examiner to revise the Office action extensively to address new issues raised and new claims added in reply.

A responsive reply (under 37 CFR 1.111 or 37 CFR 1.113 as appropriate) to the Office action of 10/22/03 must be timely filed to avoid abandonment.

If this is not a final Office action, applicant may wish to resubmit the reply along with a responsive reply under 37 CFR 1.111 to ensure proper entry of the reply.

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